

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 100
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elbert Marvin
on the celebration of his 101st birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Elbert Marvin celebrated his 101st birthday on February 10, 1997, an occasion which was commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, the son of Joe Thomas and Mary Adeline Horner Marvin, Elbert was born and raised in Perry County. His siblings were Albert Lee Marvin, who died as an infant, Verja Harriett "Hattie" Blackburn, Bertha Jane Crosby, Robert Myrtle Byrd, and John Egbert Marvin; and

WHEREAS, Elbert Marvin was raised on the same farm he later purchased. His great-grandparents were all early settlers of Perry County and his great-grandfather, Aaron Lewis, was the first County Trustee elected in 1821, the election taking place at the home of his great-grand grandfather, James Dickson, on Lick Creek; and

WHEREAS, Elbert's grandfathers both fought in the Civil War. Ezra Robert Marvin, who married Nancy Roberts, fought valiantly for the Union and was wounded in 1863. His other grandfather, Nathan Sparks Horner, Sr., who married Mary Harriet Lewis, fought gallantly for the Confederacy, was taken prisoner and spent approximately four years in a Chicago prison; and

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WHEREAS, in the true spirit of the "Volunteer State", Elbert volunteered for service during World War I in 1917, serving admirably on the United States Ship New Hampshire and the United States Ship New Mexico until his discharge in 1919; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1921, Elbert was joined in holy matrimony with Elsie Jo Ward, a clerk at the W. C. Pope General Store and Post Office, and the couple's happy union produced six successful children; Hattye Jo Smith, who is retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority and living with her husband, J. B., in Gallatin; Robert Thomas, who retired from Tennessee Gas Transmission Company and is living in Dickson with wife, Peggy; Betty Jean Hester, who lived in Lobelville with her husband, Leslie, until his death and then moved to New Johnsonville; William "Billy" Elbert, who is retired from the railroad and is living in Perry County with his wife, Retta Sue Ledbetter; James Lewis, who is the owner of Jim's Enterprises and is living in Dickson with his wife, Southerland; and Jerry Kirk, who works for the federal government in the General Accounting Office, who is living in Atlanta with his wife, Jackie; and

WHEREAS, Elbert Marvin is especially proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; they include: Janis Myers, Pat Adcox, Kay Woodall, Tommy Marvin, Elaine Bates, Marty Hester, Joe Marvin, Phil Marvin, Allison Furr; and great-grandchildren Dawn Myers, Kimberly and Michael Adcox, Rob and Abby Marvin, Tal and Taylor Woodall, Brandon and Leslie Bates, Jeremy Hester, Jeremy and Kevin Marvin, Amber and Ashley Marvin and Blake and Drue Furr; and

WHEREAS, the Marvins farmed while raising their four oldest children, and after the children married, they moved with their two youngest sons to Detroit, Michigan, where Elbert worked for the Ford Motor Company, before moving back to Linden; and

WHEREAS, after his return, Elbert worked for the county surveyor and Elsie worked for twenty years as dietitian for the Perry County Memorial Hospital, both being highly regarded workers; and

WHEREAS, the Marvins lived in Linden until Elsie's death in 1988, when Elbert moved to the Green Valley Nursing Home in Dickson, where he is a popular resident; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Elbert Marvin on the celebration of his 101st birthday and extend to him our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.